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SUBJECT: CSCE: POSSIBLE MEETING AT NATO ON
MILITARY ASPECTS OF CSCE

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1. WE WOULD LIKE TO FURTHER AMPLIFY BACKGROUND TO
DEVELOPMENT OF CANADIAN SUGGESTION THAT CSCE REPS TO
SUBCOMMITTEE ON MILITARY SECURITY MEET IN BRUSSELS
DURING WEEK NOVEMBER 19 TO DISCUSS WITH NATO ISSUES
FACING SUBCOMMITTEE. WE FIND DESCRIPTION BY
CANADIAN REP AS DESCRIBED PARA 1 USNATO 5550 TO
EFFECT THAT CAUCUS HAD "ENDORSED" PROPOSED MEETING
EXAGGERATION OF TRUE SITUATION. WE ASSUME THAT
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THIS INFLATION RESULTED FROM HASTY TELEPHONE CALLS

BY CANADIAN REP HERE WITH HIS COUNTERPARTS IN BRUSSELS. IN FACT, FRENCH HAS RESERVE ON MEETING, A NUMBER OF OTHERS WERE UNCERTAIN AND US VOICED DOUBT THAT MEETING WOULD PRODUCE CONCRETE RESULTS THAT SOME EXPECT, BUT WOULD NOT BLOCK CONSULTATIONS IF MAJORITY DESIRED IT. WE INDICATED BELIEF THAT EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN VARIOUS TOPICS THROUGH NATIONAL CHANNELS MIGHT SERVE PRUPOSE EQUALLY WELL. IN ANY CASE, WE POINTED OUT ALL OF US WOULD CONTINUE TO REFLECT NATIONAL VIEWS AND THAT ONLY CAPTIALS WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO CHANGE THESE. WE ADDED THAT ABOUT ALL ONE COULD EXPECT WAS AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WHICH MIGHT FURTHER ALERT NATO TO THE KINDS OF ISSUES ON WHICH POSITIONS WOUL HAVE TO BE DEVELOPED.

2. GENESIS OF MEETING LIES IN FACT MILITARY SUBCOMMITTEE SUDDENLY HAS WEEK FREE OF MEETINGS AS RESULT OF NEW WORK SCHEDULE APPROVED BY COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON 14 NOV. CANADIAN DISCUSSED WITH SEVERAL OTHER DELEGATIONS POSSIBILITY OF EXPLOITING THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR CONSULTATION WITH NATO ON POSSIBLE "GUIDANCE." CANADIAN AND SUPPORTERS HOPE TO DEVELOP POINTS OF VIEW WHICH MIGHT BE SET FORTH DURING REMAINING WEEKS UP TO PROBABLY BREAK FOR CHRISTMAS ON DECEMBER 14. UK WILL LIKELY SUGGEST NATO BEGIN WORK ON A CBM DRAFT FOR TABLING LATER. NO NATO DELEGATION APPEARS TO FAVOR DRAFTING UNTIL AFTER CHRISTMAS RECESS, AND WE HAVE STATED IN OPEN SESSION THAT WE WOULD NEED CHRISTMAS BREAK FOR CONSULTATIONS. THEREFORE, WE EXEPT THAT ANY EFFORT TO REACH FINITE DECISIONS IN SUBCOMMITTEE BEFORE CHRISTMAS WOULD BE RESISTED. MOREOVER, SOVIETS APPEAR TO RECOGNIZE THIS AS REALITY, AND MAY LIMIT THEIR HOPES BEFORE CHRISTMAS BREAK TO SOME KIND OF SYNOPSIS OF ALL SUGGESTIONS IN INFORMAL WORKING DOCUMENT WHICH THEY MIGHT TAKE BACK TO MOSCOW AS SYMBOL OF PROGRESS.

3. FINALLY, IT IS UNCERTAIN HOW MANY REPRESENTATIVES TO MILITARY SUBCOMMITTEE WOULD TRAVEL TO BRUSSELS. NEARLY ALL SAID THEY WOULD HAVE TO CHECK
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WITH THEIR GOVERNMENTS AND SEVERAL EXPECTED THAT REPRESENTATIVES WOULD COME FOR CAPTIALS I.E., LONDON AND THE HAGUE IF MEETING APPROVED.BASSIN

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